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## FERRY WORKERS' DEMANDS

Workers of another public utility company — the Hong Kong & Yaumati Ferry Company—presented demands for an increase in wages, etc., on Thursday, it was learned yesterday. There was no change during the day at the Hong Kong Electric Company's North Point power house, the workmen of which completed their first week of being out on strike at 4 p.m.

The Ferry Company's workers have presented 11 demands, calling for an increase in wages, a ration of 1½ catties of rice per head a day and improved working conditions. The men expect their demands to be accepted and implemented by Saturday, June 1.

The demands apparently came as a complete surprise to the Company, which had received no prior intimation that such action was contemplated. The "China Mail," on making enquiries at the Company's office, was informed that the matter has been referred to Government as the Company is operating the present service on the order, and under the direction, of Government and cannot make a decision itself.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Hong Kong Electric Co. strikers called at the Labour Office yesterday morning. No information was forthcoming as to the result.

### Labour Board Meets

In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Labour Advisory Board, which sat until a late hour yesterday evening, but once again there was no information as to the result or any official statement issued on its deliberations.

### Electricity Supply

The attention of all consumers of The Hong Kong Electric Co. is directed to the efforts now being made by the non-Chinese staff of this firm to maintain and supply as much electric power as is possible under the present difficult circumstances.

It is impossible for technical reasons to generate as much electricity as was done prior to May 17, and it naturally follows that certain areas of the Colony must of necessity be switched off. It is desired to point out that this curtailment of supply, is being carried out under a definite policy, in order to cause as little inconvenience as is possible to the public at large.

The supply is being maintained to all hospitals, police stations and fire-stations, and as far as possible to newspapers, cinemas, places of public entertainment, the business centre of the city, hotels and restaurants. It is regretted that not all of the latter can be supplied.

Consumers whose supply is ON are warned not to allow unauthorized connections to the main wires and fuse boxes in their vicinity. When this is found the supply of electricity to that area will be discontinued.

Owing to the enforced stoppage of the tram service, the Tramway Company are now replacing defective overhead wires during the day. Previously the work had to be carried out after the trams had ceased running for the night.

## Giral Says Whole Of Spain Under Arms

New York, May 24.

Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish republic Government in exile, declared today that the Franco regime has told every Spaniard he could against attack by Russia.

He told a United Nations subcommittee investigating Spain that two months ago the Franco regime decreed every citizen could arm himself to defend the fatherland against an attack by Russia.

Answering committee questions concerning the armed forces Giral said, "It is difficult to assess armed strength since the

### RUSSIA WANTS A LOAN

Washington, May 24. Russia has made renewed overtures for a loan from the United States of \$1,000,000,000, which immediately stirred Congressional debate that Moscow first guarantee Soviet cooperation in world economic affairs.

Chairman Spence, of the House Banking Committee, said: "We should certainly insist upon Russia joining the Bretton Woods World Bank and Fund." At the State Department, meanwhile, the apparent tendency was to regard any Soviet loan as a remote proposition.—Associated Press.

## German War Memorials

London, May 24. Lord Nathan, Under-Secretary for War, promised the House of Lords to call the Government's attention to the protests against the proposed destruction of German war memorials.

Lord Saltoun said that to destroy these memorials would only make them more dear to the Germans and stain our reputation. He said he was sure that every soldier in the British Army would agree with his protest.

The Bishop of Chichester said that it was sacrilege to mutilate or maim memorials to the fallen.

Lord Nathan, in his reply, said that the directive was the decision of the four occupying powers and referred only to warlike memorials which would help to perpetuate Nazi and militaristic principles. He named as examples the statues of Wilhelm II, Ludendorff and Hitler, Swastikas and eagles on barracks and street names.

There was no intention, he said, to interfere with memorials of those who died in war. Village memorials would remain unaffected and harmless memorials of a religious nature would be respected.—Reuter.

## "The Times" Comments On State Treaties

London, May 24. "The Times" today welcomed the memorandum on states treaties presented by the British Cabinet Mission in India to the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes.

Stating that the memorandum would relieve much of the anxiety, latterly manifested "The Times" said the real question was that of the freedom of the states to find their own place in the future policy of their country.

Many sections of opinion in British India cannot rid their minds of the old belief that the states are reactionary in their outlook and will be found at every critical juncture aligning their lives with the interests real or imaginary, of Britain.

With the complete disappearance of paramountcy, it will be impossible to suspect the states of possible connivance with Britain in pursuance of imagined designs on India's freedom.

The paper declared that "there could scarcely be a more dramatic confirmation of Brit-

## DEBATE ON EGYPT

### Mr. Eden Tells Mr. Bevin What He Himself Would Do

### "Ernie" Criticises Churchill

LONDON, MAY 24. THE BIG DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW BRITISH FORCES FROM EGYPT WAS BEGUN BY THE OPPOSITION SPEAKER, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, CONSERVATIVE AND FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY. GENERAL SMUTS, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, WAS IN THE DOMINIONS GALLERY.

MR. EDEN BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE OPPOSITION CONCEIVED IT THEIR DUTY TO KEEP FOREIGN POLITICS OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS AND POLITICAL CONTROVERSY. "IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I TURN TO THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION DECLARED MR. EDEN.

It was his conviction that if the Foreign Secretary could speak in the council of nation with the knowledge that he had the support of all principal parties in the state, his hand would correspondingly be strengthened.

Mr. Eden said that what he would be inclined to do if he were in Mr. Bevin's place would be to advise the Government to complete the withdrawal from the great cities to the Canal Zone.

He said he could not believe that the anxiety of the average Egyptian was about troops and establishments he did not see in the Canal Zone. It was about troops and staff cars he saw driving about the capital cities.

He would also convey to the Egyptian Government that if a revision of the treaty was to be agreed upon, it was in the interest of both countries that it should be negotiated and signed as was the 1936 treaty by all parties in Egypt. Otherwise they would be in danger of making some arrangements which had no finality.

That was not in criticism of the authority of the present Egyptian Government.

## Roosevelt Considered Attack On Japan

Washington, May 24. The Congressional Pearl Harbour investigation ended yesterday with a statement by former Secretary of War Henry Stimson that the late President Roosevelt "was undoubtedly considering an attack on the Japanese forces which were threatening south Asia late in 1941."

But to his recollection,

Stimson advised the Senate Inquiry Committee in written responses to a series of questions submitted by Senator Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, the late President never formally announced any decision of this kind to his chief military advisers nor would he have acted without consent of Congress.

Stimson's answers went into

the Committee's record along

with the replies by former

Secretary of State Cordell Hull

to 169 additional questions,

mostly about reputed agree-

ments with Britain for parallel

action before the Japanese at-

tack. Hull denied knowledge of

any such agreements.

Also included in the record

before it was closed to further

evidence, was a copy of the

memoirs of Prince Konoye,

Japanese Premier whose Ca-

binet fell in October 1941. By

the Konoye account, he pressed

the peace negotiations with the

United States in good faith.

Konoye quoted Foreign Minis-

ter Matsuoka, however, as ex-

pressing the conviction in May

1941 that Roosevelt "was ap-

parently determined to enter"

the European war.

Chairman Barkley, Kentucky

Democrat, called the Committee

together to receive these docu-

ments formally and act on the

suggestion of the request for

an additional 30 days to com-

plete its report. The current

deadline has been set by Con-

gress for June 1 for the in-

vestigation which began last

November 15.

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## ADMIRAL IN THE BAG

Frankfurt, May 24.

The United States Army Intel-

ligence Division announced today

that Admiral Trunkwaller, Com-

mander of the Hungarian naval

remnants on the Danube, was

arrested during Sunday's opera-

tion, in which United States tac-

tical troops raided a 45-mile

stretch of the Danube.

Of the several thousand per-

sons held 230 were detained and

another 16 are being held for

interrogation by counter-intel-

ligence officers, the announcement said.—Reuter.

## DOCTORS STRIKE

Paria, May 24.

Weddings and funerals were held up in Calcutta today when doctors went on strike in protest against the alleged failure of the Government to provide them with transport. Death certificates and health certificates for marriages were unobtainable.—Reuter.

## Clash Near Tel Aviv

Jerusalem, May 24.

A clash between members of a British airborne unit and Jewish soldiers from another regiment took place at Beit Nabala near the Jewish city of Tel Aviv.

Preliminary inquiries show that the disturbance arose through remarks which were regarded as insulting and directed at the airborne soldiers. Five of them were slightly injured and seven Jewish soldiers received minor treatment. The incident which occurred on Sunday evening is being officially investigated.—Reuter.

## The Five Freedoms Not Popular

Montreal, May 24.

The proposal for a general exchange of aviation's "five freedoms" was made public at the first assembly of the Provisional International Air Transport Organization (Picao) yesterday amid indications that strong opposition to an early adoption would be encountered.

The plan, known officially as a "multilateral agreement" on commercial rights in civil air transport, was prepared by a special committee which began work last fall. The Committee, headed by Sir Frederick Bowhill, was charged with finding answers to problems not settled at the Chicago world air meeting in 1944.

The "freedoms" are—right to fly over a foreign country without stopping; to make nonstop stops in foreign country; to carry homeless traffic outbound and inbound; and to pick up traffic in one foreign country and carry it to another. This last is the controversial "fifth freedom."

The Committee proposed the establishment of a body to be known as the International Civil Air Transport Board which would interpret and administer the proposed agreement and be empowered to order corrective action by a State in settlement of disputes.

Unofficial reports are that the United States is not eager to have the multilateral plan accepted at this meeting, preferring to wait until world conditions have become more stabilized.—Associated Press.

## REPORT ON FASCISM

Bern, May 24.

Italy, unlike Germany, never planned to attack Switzerland, the Swiss Cabinet stated today. In a report on illegal activities in Switzerland, the Swiss

## GOVT. DEFEAT IN LORDS'

London, May 24.

The Government was defeated by 65 votes to 13 in the House of Lords today, where the Conservative Opposition has an overwhelming majority. It was the first division in the House of Lords during this parliament.

The issue was control of investments. The Earl of Munster (Conservative) thought it unnecessary for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to have power to control investments permanently, and he moved an amendment limiting the period during which the bill—Borrowing (Control and Guarantee) Bill—could operate to five years.

Lord Pakenham for the Government said full employment over a period was impossible without a degree of stability of private investments.

The Government defeat is not of immediate significance. The bill will return to the House of Commons, where the Government can accept or reject the Lords' amendments.

If—and it is unlikely—an agreement is not reached with the House of Lords, the Government can drop the bill and reintroduce it next session.

Under the Parliament Act, a bill may, within a certain prescribed period, be presented for Royal Assent and become an act without being sent to the House of Lords.—Reuter.

### Trouble Ahead?

Whether the action of the Conservative peers provokes the biggest parliamentary dispute for years depends on the Conservative Member of Parliament, Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, Speaker in the House of Commons, says Reuters Political Correspondent.

If the Speaker decides to call the bill concerned—the Borrowing (Control and Guarantee) Bill—which gives the Government power to control investments, the House of Lords can only hold it up for a month.

But if the House decide that the bill shall remain what it is now, then the House of Lords can hold it up for two years. If they are enabled to do that, the Labour majority in the House of Commons is likely to make trouble for it at the moment in no mood to be trifled with.

Broadly speaking, "money bills" are those which raise or spend public money. The British law lays down that the House of Lords cannot interfere with money bills except to hold them up for a month. But public bills are in a different category

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**HOUSING CHIEF**

The appointment of Wing Commander S.E. Faber as Hong Kong's director of building rehabilitation, or what the Housing Committee, of which he was a member, termed Minister of Reconstruction, commends itself as a promising choice. Finally, of course, the test must be in the achievement, but this much can be said, that Wing-Commander Faber commences his duties with a number of factors in his favour, among them the fact that he is not a graduate of the Civil Service system, and fulfills what must be regarded as an essential requirement—he is not likely to prove a willing slave to red tape. The task to be faced is one of heavy responsibility, and unless it is vested with freedom for the play of energy and initiative, if it is to be tied up with masses of forms and mountains of files, the holder of the office is foredoomed to public criticism than thanks. In this day and age, to be quite frank, this may be the ultimate result in any case. The problem is one of such urgency that patience will not readily be forthcoming. Nor is it likely to be freely understood that the Director of Building Rehabilitation is in no position of dictatorship, but the interpreter rather than the initiator of high policy. Nevertheless, Wing-Commander Faber may be assured that he commences upon his stewardship with substantial goodwill. It will, we think, be realised that initial progress must be slow, and that the most important function of the Housing Minister in the next six months will be the laying of the foundations for a housing programme which will develop with accelerating speed in the succeeding period. This, in its turn, will finally depend upon the Colony's ability to acquire the necessary building materials in sufficient quantities, linked with the extent of Government action to encourage private owners to cooperate. In the end, the progress of re-development may prove to centre upon this question of subsidy, and it is possible to foresee that Government may be compelled to enter more extensively than it now plans into a field which it views as more properly the province of private enterprise. Upon the subsidy question there are wide differences of opinion. Few view with any marked sympathy the suggestion that the cost of reconstruction of private property should be borne by the community as a whole, and there would certainly be greater support for a scheme which would enable Government to retain control of letting, even if this involved large-scale leasing of damaged property and repair by Government. The choice between various ways of meeting the problem is however exceedingly wide, and it rests with Government to decide what expediency genuinely dictates. The main cry is for results, the method to be regarded, relatively as a secondary consideration.

The Arabs have a proverb: "The sword could be saved for another day." Thus ended the biggest lobby organised against any measure so far introduced in this Parliament, the war to death pledged by some of the doctors, the great campaign which was planned to revive the strenuous days of 1910 and 1911.

Lord Baldwin described oratory as "the harlot of the arts," but then he was not a master of the craft. He showed all the contempt of a third-rate musician for the prowess of a painter.

Someone else said that an orator was "a man skilled in moving to tears." But who ever saw mass tears in the House of Commons? Some other capacity is needed in that stony-hearted assembly.

The Arabs have a proverb: "They say that the best orator is one who can make men see with their ears. That comes nearer the truth."

"But Demosthenes was nearer still. According to Plutarch, when asked what was the first

part of oratory, Demosthenes answered, "Action."

Asked which was the second, he replied, "Action."

And asked which was the third, he still said "Action."

The real orator deals in deeds as well as words. He wants his audience to do something. (Perhaps that is why Lord Baldwin never took to the business.)

In this sense Aneurin Bevan is certainly the leading practitioner. He can suit his mood to the occasion and to the immediate political objective he seeks to secure.

On Tuesday, introducing his Health Bill, he gave a model performance and left the Tories more discomfited by his soft answers than by some of his earlier and fiercer assaults.

For the Tories had made a capital blunder. No doubt under the prompting of Mr. Churchill, who, doubtless, was spurred in turn by the impatient clamour of the high Tory Press for a more aggressive opposition, the Tories had put down a comprehensive amendment condemning the whole measure.

Sources who asked not to be named said General MacArthur had seen and approved in spirit the tax plan drafted by the American economist and tax expert, Leo Cherne.

If Allied Headquarters endorses the plan, a directive will probably be issued to the Japanese for adoption into law at the next Diet session.

These sources said the outstanding feature of the proposed plan was its simplicity.

Scarcely an hour had passed before they must have been cursing their folly. For Aneurin Bevan spent most of his time describing in the most beguiling accents all the formidable projects of reform which the poor Tories were committed to voting against. There was no escape from the situation.

Shanghai, May 28.—Reports by the Tass News Agency that American pilots planes had been shot down over Manchuria were termed "very questionable" by Lt. General Alvan Gillem in Shanghai today.

General Gillem, who commands the U.S. forces in China, said that he had absolutely no information regarding the Tass report.

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# VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

## Accuses Stalin Of Lenin's Death

### Vatican Says Don't Vote Left

VATICAN CITY, May 24. An Episcopal letter of the Central Italian Department of Bishops in the "L'Osservatore Romano" has told Catholics that voting for Marxist or "Leftist" parties in Italy's June 2 elections exposes them to "sanctions of the Canon Law."

(A Catholic authority said the word *hac*ist** in Italian means an anti-clerical party which advocated complete separation of the Church and State to the extent that the Church would not have any influence even on moral questions).

Simultaneously, the Bishops of Calabria in southern Italy told their communicants there was "irreconcilable opposition between Christianity and Marxism." They instructed their members to vote only for candidates undertaking to respect and defend all those principles which are the basis of a healthy Christian concept of the State.

VATICAN sources explained that sanctions of the Canon Law could include a denial of public sacraments to Catholics voting on the Communist ticket and prohibition of burial of their bodies in consecrated ground.—Associated Press.

### Britain In Greece Till Reds Leave

LONDON, May 24. British troops are expected by the Greek Government to stay in Greece so long as Russian troops remain in the Balkan States, said the Greek Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Philip Dragoumis, in London yesterday.

Dragoumis told a press conference that there are about 200,000 Soviet troops in Bulgaria "facing southward" and 800,000 to 1,000,000 in Rumania. There are, in addition, about 150,000 Bulgarian troops on the Graeco-Bulgarian border, he added.

Dragoumis declared that the Greek Government had no occasion to ask for the withdrawal of British troops.

"They have never interfered in the internal affairs of Greece," he said.—Associated Press.

### COMMONS DEBATE ON EGYPT

LONDON, May 24. Reuters political correspondent states that Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden will be the principal Conservative Opposition spokesmen in the House of Commons debate today on Egypt.

Conservatives are urging that Mr. Ernest Bevin should open the debate by giving a resume of the negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty so far as they have gone, but Mr. Bevin, it is understood, has expressed his intention of speaking last, presumably so as to deal with the points made during the debate.—Reuter.

### YUGOSLAVS SEIZE ITALIAN CRAFT

Rome, May 24. The Italian Government has asked the United States and Britain to investigate through their Embassies at Belgrade reports that Italian fishing boats are being seized by armed Yugoslav forces in the Adriatic and their crews interned.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that at least 12 boats had been seized and crews totalling more than 100 interned.—Associated Press.

### CHETRNIK TRIAL

Belgrade, May 24. Owing to new developments in the evidence against General Draza Mihailovitch, the Yugoslav military court has not decided on the date that it will be held in the middle of June.

An indictment of 6,000 pages—the longest in Yugoslav records—describes the Chetniks' alleged war crimes.—Reuter.

The statue of Queen Victoria at Nice, removed by the Germans during the war, is to be restored with appropriate ceremony today. Queen Victoria's birthday, now celebrated as Empire Day.

The Hague, May 24. Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands returned to the Royal Palace by air from Switzerland this evening. The plane was piloted by Prince Bernhard.—Reuter.

### Trotsky's Book Just Published

NEW YORK, MAY 24. LEON TROTsky, IN A BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEF STALIN PUBLISHED TODAY, POSED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS WHETHER STALIN MIGHT HAVE HAD A HAND IN THE DEATH IN 1924 OF NICOLAI LENIN, HONOURED IN RUSSIA AS THE FOUNDER OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE BOOK ASKED THESE QUESTIONS, AND DID NOT OFFER OR SUPPLY A DIRECT ANSWER:

"What was Stalin's role at the time of Lenin's illness? Did not the disciple do something to expedite his master's death?" It is a monstrous suspicion, Trotsky says, "but that cannot be helped, when it follows from the circumstances, the facts and Stalin's very character."

The book, "Stalin, An Appraisal of the Man and His Influence" (Harper Brothers) is published six years after Trotsky, Stalin's bitter political foe, was assassinated in exile in Mexico City. Trotsky had completed about two-thirds of the book at the time of his

death, but left an outline, copious notes, and memoranda, and partly-written pages from which the editor and translator, Charles Malamuth, completed the lengthy work. The chapter relating to Lenin's death is included in this latter section. The book's existence has long been known; it was ready for publication at the time of Pearl Harbour, a publisher's note says, "but its appearance was then postponed by the publisher until after the end of the war."

**Lenin Worried.** Trotsky says that when Lenin was bedridden after a stroke in December, 1922, he was "afraid with alarm," and that his "chief source of worry was Stalin," then Secretary-General of the Communist Party. Lenin proposed that a way be found to remove Stalin from his position because he had concentrated great power in his hands and Lenin wasn't sure that he would use it properly.

In those days, Trotsky says, "Stalin was increasing his fate was at stake. He had made up his mind to overcome all obstacles."

Towards the end of 1923, declares Trotsky, Stalin told him and others that the sick Lenin had suddenly called him in and asked for poison. Lenin saw another stroke approaching, he was suffering and he wanted the poison at hand if he became convinced his case was hopeless.

**Poison Sent Lenin?** Trotsky continues with an intricate array of suspicions, suggestions and charges until his climax:

"Whether Stalin sent the poison to Lenin with the hint that the physician had left no hope for his recovery or whether he resorted to more direct means I do not know. But I am firmly convinced that Stalin could not have waited passively when his task hung by a thread and the decision depended on a small, very small motion of his hand."

The book, from the opening paragraph, is a violent attack which has to be accepted or rejected on its face value, for it is almost impossible to check the allegations. Yet, there is much of historical importance on the story of Bolshevik which forms the background for the Stalin biography and for what in its essence was a Stalin-Trotsky battle for leadership.

Trotsky didn't live to see Stalin's leadership of Russia in the World War II. Whether he would have altered his appraisal in any way must remain a matter of speculation.

**Impersonal Machine.** Trotsky writes in his introduction that Stalin "is neither a thinker nor an orator," and that he "took possession of power, not with the aid of personal qualities, but with the aid of an impersonal machine."

He tells of Stalin's birth as the son of a shoemaker in Georgia and speculates on whether the Soviet chief has Mongolian blood in his veins. He cited details, largely by quoting others, to show that the boy Stalin became bent and grim through frightful beatings by his father, and sensed the humiliation of social inequality, and finally, while a student in theological school, deserted religion and God. At the age of 16 he got revolutionary ideas.

**Purpose In Life.** In summing up the Stalin of the order of professional revolutionaries, Trotsky says: "He saw the purpose of his life overthrowing the powers that be. Hatred of them was the

### NOT TRUE

Paris, May 24. The weekly newspaper "Samedi Soir" said in an editorial that President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin may meet in Vienna about June 10 to sign a 25-year treaty of friendship and non-aggression between Russia and the United States. In Washington the White House said that there was no truth in the report.—Associated Press.

### Fighting In Sumatra

BALIWINA, May 24. Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, is to leave for Singapore tomorrow for discussions with Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, whom he has not seen since last December, it was reported today.

Republican papers in Sumatra, quoted by the Netherlands News Agency, reported fighting in the Tanjungpuri residency on the west coast of Sumatra, when Republicans from the east coast of the island attempted to overthrow the local authorities.

The Republican Government intervened to stop the fighting, the News Agency added.

Fifty extremists, carrying small arms and bottles filled with petrol attacked a camp at Glogor, on the east coast of Sumatra, the Netherlands East Indies Army Information Service stated.

They set the barracks on fire but the fire was later extinguished. Many extremists were wounded in this engagement, the report added.—Reuter.

### Old-Fashioned Methods

London, May 22. "I hope we shall not be stamped by a wave of publicity suggesting that, because the juvenile delinquency figures have risen, we shall be more severe," said Mrs. M. Robinson chairman of Stamford House Juvenile Court, at the Magistrates' Association conference at Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

"I think that such a method of treatment is dangerous," she added. "People who talk like that have forgotten that the old-fashioned methods, which were tried for many years, were not abandoned for sentimental reasons."

One of the greatest problems for magistrates was how to sort out juvenile delinquents. It might be possible under the new Education Act for many difficult children to be dealt with as educational problems.

Capt. Ransley, of the Boscombe Institution at Portland, said youths should not be imprisoned for offences before a period of 12 months had been tried.

### HE WAS RIGHT

Jerusalem, May 24. A number of explosions occurred in the Palestinian coastal town of Natanya today after police had previously been informed by an unknown telephone caller that the explosions would occur.—Associated Press.

### LISBON MARU" P.O.W.S. SEND CHEQUE

London, May 23. The British United Aid to China Fund has received this week a cheque from ex-servitors of the "Lisbon Maru" who have made the donation in tribute to the Chinese who rescued and helped them when they were torpedoed in the China Sea on Oct. 2, 1942.

**Helped British POWs.** More than 1,800 British prisoners of war were on board the vessel at the time. Of these, more than 900 were lost. The organizer of this contribution in a covering letter, describes the debt which those who lived through the tragedy feel towards the people who saved them. He writes:

**Tells Of Rescue.** "When the ship sank we all found ourselves in the water about six miles from a small group of islands. Those of us who got to the islands were met with very strong off-shore currents which made landing very difficult."

"Local Chinese came out in their sampans and picked up many men taking them to the shore. They did this in spite of the risk that the Japanese might take in reprisals on them for helping us. Once on shore, they got to work to clothe us—many of us had little or no clothing left—to feed us out of their very slender stock, and house us in their own homes. Their hospitality was almost unapproachable."—Reuter.

London, May 24. The British naval service in Germany reports that Edmond Huber, former head of the "Gaukulturt" for Lower Austria and close collaborator of Gauleiter Jurg, has been arrested.

### NOTICE

#### THE AMERICAN CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the American Club will be held in the Club premises on Monday, May 27th, at 5.30 p.m. for the purposes of electing officers for the current year and to receive the report from the Working Committee on the rehabilitation of the Club.

W. T. STANTON, Chairman.

F. R. PIDCOCK, Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 13th, 1946.

#### CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1946, at 12 o'clock to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1945 and 31st December, 1946 to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

#### THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

From and including May 27th, 1946, our telephone numbers will be changed, as follows:

31236

31237

31238

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the abovementioned resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$600.00 to \$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun, Secretary.

#### NOTICE

#### RICE FOR CREWS

From Monday, 27th May, 1946, rice will only be issued to article crews and to a reasonable number of the Compradore Staff. A list of names signed by the Captain must be submitted by the Company when applying for such rations. Sufficient rations will be given for the duration of the ship's stay in port, and to the first port of call.

R. C. LEE,  
Rice Controller.

Mr. S. Grove, A.C.A. has been appointed Secretary of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., as from 22nd May, 1946.

By order of the Board of Directors.

#### SALE OF OLD STORES

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following stores.

Scrap Iron and Steel, Firewood, 45 Galls. and 25 Galls. Drums, Towing Wire, old Paper Rolls, and Scrap-Air Craft, over-load Tanks.

Tenders forms can be obtained at Section VI of Naval Store Department, H.M. Naval Yard, between 9.30—11.30 a.m. 23rd to 26th May, 1946 and should be returned in a sealed cover addressed to the Suptdg. Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard on or before noon on Friday 31st May, 1946.

The wagons which will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom consist of the following types:

165—40-ton box cars  
9—20-ton flat wagons  
134—40-ton high gondolas  
22—20-ton high gondolas  
2—40-ton flat wagons

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshops, Hung Hom on the deposit of a fee of \$1,000.00 with the Accountant of the Railway at the Head Office of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of \$10,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

These men are going round offering to connect a supply of electricity to those premises which have had to be shut off.

As this supply has to be taken from the wiring of those consumers whose supply is being maintained, the Company is forced to give warning to all such consumers not to allow their wiring or installations to be used for such a purpose.

If all consumers such consumers will be disconnected and the offenders punished by law.

Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1946.

#### NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

It is desired to draw the attention of the General Public, and more especially those whose supply of electricity is at present being maintained, to the very serious situation which has been brought about by the acts of unscrupulous wiring contractors and other persons possessing a slight knowledge of electricity.

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The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR,

Chairman, Railway Tender Board.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1946.

#### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED

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# "Slap Happy" Defence Opens Today

## INTERPRETER NOT GUILTY

Tang Shiu-ki, a former interpreter of the No. 7 Police Station, was found not guilty and acquitted by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday of accepting a bribe of \$500.

Accused was alleged by the Crown to have accepted \$500 from Wong Lo-kut on or about Nov. 13, 1945, when he was then an interpreter attached to the No. 7 Police Station.

The Jury, composed of Messrs. A. H. R. Butcher (Foreman), Ching Wai-chung, Shyu Yao-ming, R. A. Xavier, J. W. Clague, M. Y. Adni and J. H. E. Collins, returned an unanimous verdict of not guilty after a five-minute adjournment.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Capt. H. Brown, prosecuted and Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence.

Tang completely denied that he had ever met and received \$500 from Wong.

Addressing the Court and the Jury, Mr. Silva contended that his client had told a very simple and true story that he had never accepted any money from Wong nor he had ever met Wong and Shuen Hi at the Tin Fat Restaurant.

The prosecution, however, failed to submit definite evidence that Tang was at the Tin Fat Restaurant on the material date of Nov. 12 or 14, 1945. Both municipal witnesses for the Crown Wong and Shuen had in respective evidence contradicted themselves half a dozen times on points extremely material for the prosecution.

## NEW RULER OF TRANSJORDAN

Amman, May 24.—The Emir Abdullah Bin Hussein, 64-year-old son of the King of Hejaz, will be proclaimed the first sovereign of the newly constituted independent kingdom of Transjordan tomorrow at a ceremony in which austerity will be the keynote because of the "situation in Palestine."

Fifteen hundred guests are expected at the dusty mountain-side capital which is already glittering with Princes, potentates and Arab millionaires, though by the Emir's order "no official invitations have been issued."

The Emir, forbidden by Moslem tradition to wear a crown, will be presented instead with a special copy of the Koran. —Reuter.

## Money Mart

Gold weakened further yesterday. After opening at \$510 per tael, 15 points lower than the previous day's close, it slid down to \$498. Towards the close it rallied to \$504.

Chinese national currency was again motionless, and rates closed at \$2.21 for futures and \$2.40 for spot (per CNS\$1,000).

U.S. dollars appreciated slightly to \$0.43. Sterling and Australian pounds were again at \$18 and \$14 respectively.

### Shanghai Exchange

The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market yesterday were:

|                   |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Buoyng            | Selling |         |
| CNS               | CNS     |         |
| Gold per ounce    | 185,000 | 186,000 |
| U.S. Dollars      | 2,340   | 2,350   |
| Hong Kong Dollars | 415     | 425     |

Closing quotations were:

|                   |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Gold per ounce    | 185,500 | 186,500 |
| U.S. Dollars      | 2,340   | 2,360   |
| Hong Kong Dollars | 410     | 420     |

—Associated Press.

## ARMS POSSESSION CHARGE

On a charge of possession of an automatic pistol and 10 rounds without a licence or permit, Wong Chi-ming, 25, was committed by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Insp. Farquhar, in charge of Big C.I.D., Yaumati, gave evidence that accused was arrested by a police party following information received at the junction of Kansu Street and Batavia Street at 11.30 a.m. on May 16.

It is alleged that the pistol, a .22-automatic, was found inside his inner trousers. The pistol, evidence was given, was loaded with six rounds.

Three other men, arrested at the same time, were discharged by the magistrate on an application of withdrawal against them of a charge of aiding and abetting and conspiracy to commit a felony.

The "booty" obtained by 10 men who held up a Chinese at Waterloo Road near the Railway Bridge was not much for the effort—only \$12. The men were armed with revolvers and torches.

AT YESTERDAY MORNING'S HEARING OF THE CASE AGAINST INOUE KANAO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "SLAP HAPPY," "YANKEE" AND THE "KAM-LOOPS KID," FOR COMMITTING WAR CRIMES IN SHAMSHUIPO POW CAMP AND ILL-TREATMENT OF HONG KONG CIVILIANS DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, REHMAT KHAN, PRISON WARDER AT STANLEY, RE-ENTERED THE WITNESS BOX AND PRODUCED A CERTIFIED COPY OF EXTRACTS FROM THE PRISON ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE RECORD BOOK.

QUESTIONED BY LIEUT. HAGGAN FOR THE DEFENCE, REHMAT KHAN STATED THAT THE ENTRIES IN THE BOOK WERE COMPILED FROM FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, BUT THAT THE BOOK ITSELF, WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL RECORD.

## Changchun Fall Means Peace Talks Can Begin

Nanking, May 24.

A high Kuomintang official who asked for anonymity said today that the Government's recapture of Changchun means "now we can begin to talk with the Communists" for peace in Manchuria. His statement highlighted other swift developments that brought the troubled Manchurian situation to a climax.

These included:

(1) The surprise flight of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to Mukden, possibly on a peace mission; (2) The hurried visit of Chi Yen-ming, Secretary-general of the Nanking Chinese Communists Headquarters to Shanghai, to confer with members of the Democratic League and Youth Party about the League's three-point proposal to end the Manchurian civil war; (3) Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung's acceptance "in principle" of the League's proposal.

The Communist retreat beyond Changchun apart from offering more than a token resistance may satisfy the Government's demands that the city be returned before it will consider armistice in Manchuria.

The flight by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek with Madame Chiang and General Pai Chung-shi, Minister of National Defence, to Mukden, was made in General George C. Marshall's personal plane.

Chiang conferred with General Huang Hsi-hui, director of the Government Manchurian Headquarters; General Tu Li-ming, Commander-in-Chief of the Manchurian armies; and Hsu Chen, Governor of Liaoning.

Although Central News said the Generalissimo had gone to Manchuria on an inspection tour it is possible that his flight is a prelude to peace.

Government dispatches from Mukden also reported that the New First Army captured Tungtung, 70 miles east of Szepingkai; and Linayuan, 40 miles northwest of Szepingkai. They said that famine threatens Szepingkai as the food stocks are only sufficient for 20 days. The city has 100,000 inhabitants including 20,000 Japanese.

A Communist spokesman said regarding the whole Manchurian situation that "we shall do our best to solve the problem and then we shall do our best to carry out peace."

Whether the Government forces will continue to push beyond Changchun now that the condition for peace talks has been realized may well decide the future course of history in northeast China.—Associated Press.

ATTEMPT TO EXPORT FLOUR

Charged with attempting to export 200 lbs. of flour from the Colony without a permit, Li Wah, master of junk T1253H, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Sub-Insp. J. White stated that four 50-lb. bags of flour were found aboard defendant's junk at the Southern Fairway, Victoria Harbour. The junk was about to leave for a trip of 2½ days and there were five men aboard.

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## Governor Inspects H.K. Relief Centres

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, spent yesterday afternoon visiting and inspecting the Colony's various relief centres and depots. He was accompanied by the Acting Director of Medical Services (Dr. J. P. Feilby), Mr. W. Kay (Officer in charge of Relief Section) and Lt./Col. W. Darby, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army.

The Governor first visited the Tai Hang Relief Centre, and from there went on to the Street Sleepers' Shelter in Wan Chai, the Free Rice Shelter, the City Hall Relief Clothing Depot, Chater Road Food Depot and finally to the To Yuen Hostel for displaced persons in West Point.

## ADMIRAL'S GIFT TO JAIPURS

The officers and men of the Jaipur Guards were honoured on Thursday when Admiral Lord Fraser, C.I.C. British Pacific Fleet paid a visit to the barracks at Lyemun.

After the parade Lord Fraser congratulated the officers and men on the fine turnout, their excellent behaviour and discipline wherever they went.

Lord Fraser later presented the Officer commanding with a 650-year-old Japanese sword which he had brought from Tokyo, following his recent visit there as a token of appreciation and admiration for the good work the Jaipur Guards had done especially in Hong Kong.

Lord Fraser was shown round the barracks and visited the V.C. Officers and Officers' Mess where he had drinks with the officers.

## INOCULATION CERTIFICATES

Beginning from June 1, a charge of 50 cents will be made for certificates of inoculation against cholera and 50 cents for certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

The certificates may be obtained at the inoculation centre, Fire Brigade Building, Connaught Road and at the Tsim Tsui Health Centre, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The public are advised to obtain these certificates during ordinary working hours at the above centres as they cannot be issued when the Treasury is closed.

Arrangements have been made whereby shipping companies may purchase books of 50 and 100 for issue to passengers so as to cover holiday periods. These may be taken to the inoculation centres where they will be filled in after the necessary inoculations have been carried out.

## U.S. CREDIT FOR FRANCE

Washington, May 24.

M. Leon Blum, special French envoy on an economic mission here, said in an interview that he expects to sign a French-American financial and commercial agreement before he leaves for Paris Sunday.

He made this statement after a farewell call on the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes.

It is understood authoritatively that cash credit of \$650,000,000 from the Export-Import Bank will be forthcoming, plus additional credits of \$350,000,000 covering the cost of surplus property and shipping to be transferred to French ownership.

The agreement will also include settlement of France's Lend-Lease account.—Reuter.

## ROOSEVELT CONSIDERED ATTACK ON JAPAN

(Continued from Page 1)

Last March, the Committee received a 20,000-word statement from Stimson covering his recollections of events preceding the Pearl Harbour attack. In it Stimson said the President's War Cabinet had reached a conclusion, ten days before the Japanese attack, that the United States should intervene with force if Japan moved against Britain or Dutch territory in south Asia.

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# Finance And Future Of H.K. University

## Jet Engines For China

London, May 24. The Chinese Government have concluded an agreement with Rolls Royce, England, for the manufacture of the latter's gas turbine and jet propulsion engines in China.

This agreement which has the approval of the British Government, will involve the supply of thousands of drawings and designs to China with a large number of parts and even complete engines and plant for factories.

Chinese engineers are now at the company's Works at Derby, learning the new technique of this type of power unit. Rolls Royce engineers will go to China to supervise the erection, equipping and tooling up of factories which will be employed to build the new engines.—London Press Service.

## EMPIRE DAY IN TOKYO

Tokyo, May 24. British Commonwealth troops stood stiffly to attention in the square fronting the grounds of Tokyo's Imperial Palace today while Lieutenant-General John Northcott, commander of the Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan, read an Empire Day message from the King, saying: "The British Commonwealth occupation force symbolises unity."

"We have stood together in war and we shall stand together in peace. I am confident that in the delicate and arduous duties which confront you, you will continue to exercise those qualities of selflessness and courage which are your heritage."—Reuter.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES

### MAIL NOTICE

### Outward Mails

SATURDAY, 25th MAY. Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.

Formosa (Tal On) 10.00 a.m.

Tsamskong (Kwongchowwan), (San Shing Lee) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Myrtlebank) 1.00 p.m.

Swtow and Amoy (Van Heutsz) 3.00 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Amoy and

Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Swtow (Haiyang) 5.00 p.m.

Canton (Fatshan) 5.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 26th MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.

Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 27th MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.

Haiiphong (Masbate) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Fengting) 1.00 p.m.

Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and

South America via San Francisco (Marine Leopard) (Parcels) 3.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta,

Durban, Rangoon, Singapore,

Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Airmail for Canton and Hoitow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (Sai On) 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 28th MAY.

Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.

Kwongchow Wan (Aug Fee) 10.00 a.m.

Australia via Sydney (Kalpati) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Hainyang) 1.00 p.m.

Straits (Ninghai) 1.00 p.m.

Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and

South America via Seattle (Longview Victory) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking and

Kunning (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Wuchow (Kwongtai Province) (Nom Lang) 3.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY.

Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.

Kwongchow Wan (Tolshan) 10.00 a.m.

Manila (Sea Lynx) 10.00 a.m.

Canada, U.S.A., Central and

South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta,

Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via Seattle (Mount Greylock) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Canton (Fatshan) 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 30th MAY.

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SUNDRY.

**MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THEIR FRIENDS AT THEIR LUNCHEON YESTERDAY LISTENED TO AN INTERESTING TALK BY MR. A. MORSE, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, ON "FINANCE AS AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY."**

MR. MORSE WAS TREASURER OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FOR SOME YEARS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR LONDON IN 1940.—AND HE ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT FINANCE HAD BEEN THE HEADACHE OF SUCCESSIVE UNIVERSITY TREASURERS. THE UNIVERSITY HAD ALWAYS BEEN STARVED FINANCIALLY EVEN FROM ITS INCEPTION, AND THROUGH THE YEARS IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN A STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

"We are now faced with a much bigger problem of reconstructing and rehabilitating the institution, and the main question crops up again. 'No money, no university.' Finance is the keynote of the whole situation, and the question is where and how to get the money."

Mr. Morse said that a strong committee composed of distinguished people and educationalists had been sitting in London since the war years working out plans for the University's future.

"It would surprise many to know the tremendous amount of interest taken by the people at home in the future of our University. They plan to rehabilitate it, not as a makeshift affair, but on the highest level, to be the equal of any university anywhere in the world. With this aim in view the committee has been unceasingly at work."

Mr. Morse concluded by saying that he was originally asked to talk on the finances of the Colony, but under present conditions he felt himself unequal to tackling the job and so chose today's narrower subject and hoped his audience will not be disappointed.

The speaker was thanked by Dr. O. C. Lew, the Hon. Secretary, who occupied the chair in the absence through indisposition of the President, Capt. Raymond H. S. Lee.

Among the guests present were Mr. T. J. J. Fenwick, Mr. C. H. Sansom and Dr. Mary King.

—Reuter.

**London Approach.**

This committee realised that to seek financial aid from the Hong Kong Government, now with its hands more than full, would be useless, hence they have decided to approach the Home Government for the necessary funds.

"How far their efforts will succeed it is not possible to foretell, but we can depend on it that they are pressing home our needs."

"It now remains for us, here and you members of this Association, to see what you can do, among yourselves and among your friends, to make some con-

## No Chinese Price Controls

Nanking, May 24. China could not impose price controls because of the inability of the Government to enforce them, Dr. Wang Yun Wu, the new Chinese minister of economics, declares.

Interviewed, he said: "The price control system can only be used in a country where the people behave according to law and the Government has enough power to enforce its application."

He said China can develop industrially by increasing production efficiency, and importing machine tools.

The Chinese Minister said he believed no country should impose high tariffs and added: "China must cut down its demands for foreign goods and rely more on home production."—Associated Press.

## EXPLOSION

Kokuha, Kyushu, May 24. Thirteen Japanese died and seven were hospitalized as the result of a blast of 2,100 boxes of black powder stored in the Yamata ammunition dump awaiting burning.

The area was restricted but 50 Japanese were illegally present gathering wood.

The blast was so heavy that cement walls reinforced with steel were thrown 200 feet. The area was under marine control but no Americans were involved in the incident.—Associated Press.

## HIROHITO IS VERY WORRIED

Tokyo, May 24. Emperor Hirohito, in a two minute broadcast to the nation called upon the people to help solve the food problem which, he said, "is extremely serious and a source of profound worry to me."

He added: "The Government must take adequate measures immediately to solve this question. At the same time the people themselves must help in shouldering the burden."

"It makes my heart ache to have to ask this from my people when they have not yet fully recovered from the suffering of war but without the help of the whole nation, the efforts so far made for the reconstruction of our country on peaceful lines will have been in vain,"—Reuter.

## REGIONAL OFFICER

London, May 24. Vincent J. Jasper, formerly a missionary in China, has been appointed Regional Officer for China on the Headquarters Staff of the British Council in London and will take up his duties at the beginning of June.

After service as Evacuation Officer under the India and Burma Governments during the retreat from Burma, Mr. Jasper became a lecturer at the Kunming University and subsequently was Chinese editor in the Government of India's Department of Information and Broadcasting at New Delhi.—Reuter.

## Rehabilitation In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, May 24. The Chinese Government has made available \$30,000,000 as loans for the rehabilitation of Chinese industries in Malaya, stated Dr. Wu Park-shing Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, who has arrived in Kuala Lumpur on a month's tour of Malaya.

The objects of Dr. Wu's tour are to convey the goodwill of the Chinese Government to Malayan Chinese, investigate the necessity for relief of war-torn Chinese and to further improve the cordial relations between the Chinese and Malays and other communities.

Visiting the Sultan of Selangor, Dr. Wu discussed Sino-Malay harmony. He said he deplored the communal strife which occurred shortly after the Japanese surrender and attributed it to Japanese instigation.

—Reuter.

## Two French Cruisers Arrive In Port

By Our Naval Correspondent

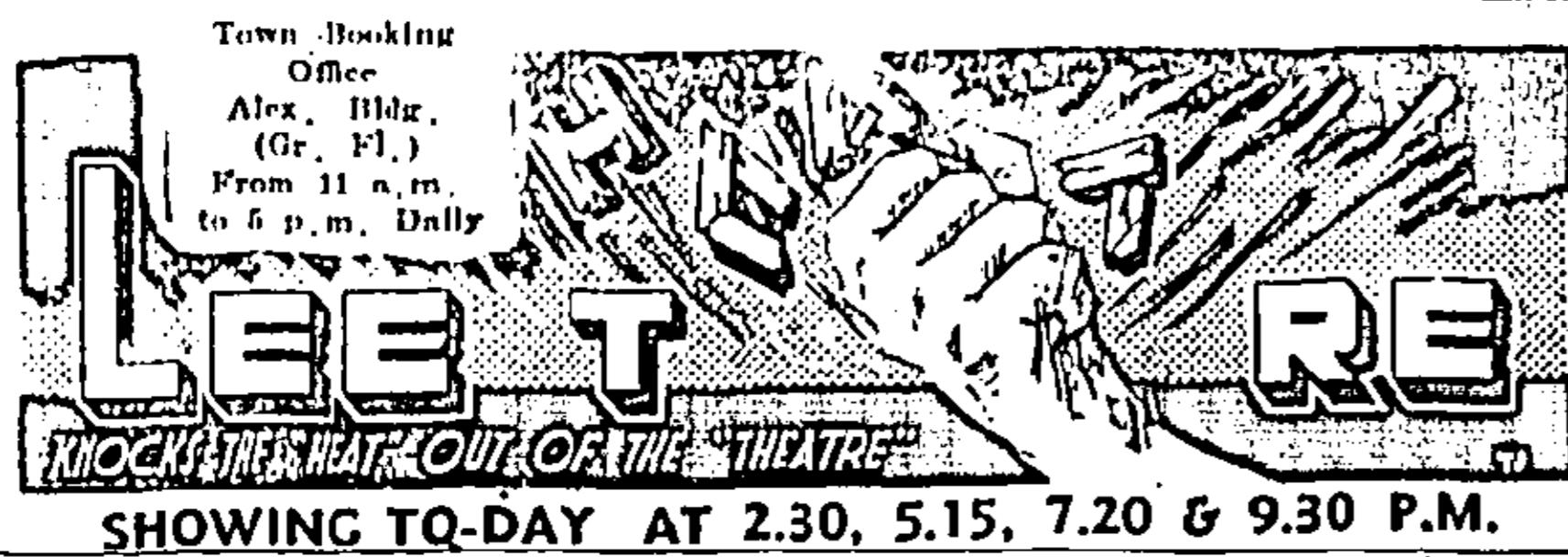
Two arrivals in the harbour yesterday were the French cruisers "Suffren" and "Tourville," which are here on a short visit from Saigon. Both promptly dressed ship in honour of Empire Day and yesterday afternoon and evening the streets of Victoria had their usual busy crowds swelled by numbers of "matelots" with their familiar striped shirts and red pom-pom caps.

Both vessels are typical of the modern French cruiser, lightly armoured, with a nice turn of speed and a useful punch-in-their-main-armament.

Both operated with the navy of the Fighting French during the war.

Slightly older of the two, "Tourville" was laid down in April 1925 and completed in 1928. A vessel of 10,000

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## Rail Strike Throws U.S. Into Confusion

### DEADLY

Washington, May 24. The Democrat Congressman Albert Thomas told the House of Representatives today that the United States Navy has "something more deadly than the atomic bomb today—and not tomorrow—and it is in unusable shape."

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Appropriations Committee, which heard secret evidence from high Navy officials.

He spoke during today's debate on Navy appropriations, but he declined to elaborate his statement to correspondents.—Reuter.

THE STRIKE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF 337 RAILWAYS STARTED AT 2100 GMT TONIGHT. PRESIDENT TRUMAN, MEANWHILE, WAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, CONFERRING WITH RAILWAY OWNERS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES IN AN EFFORT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE.

THERE WAS NO WORD OF ANY DECISION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AS 250,000 RAILWAY WORKERS (ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN) IN TWO UNIONS STARTED THEIR WALKOUT.

Hours before the strike started the major railroads had begun to cancel through trains leaving thousands of passengers stranded.

In New York, would be travellers fought to board the last trains, climbing through windows to get into the carriages.

In New York's Grand Central Station, 6,000 persons rushed for the trains and there was complete confusion as the mass of people trying to get in jammed with those trying to leave.

All the Long Island trains, which carry 250,000 workers to and from work daily, were cancelled before the strike began and scores of thousands were left stranded in New York City.

### Pool Set Up

The Government immediately took control of all non-rail means of transport to carry essential foods and mail. All lorries, buses, airlines, water carriers and railways still operating were ordered by the Government to pool their equipment and arrange their schedules to ensure the maximum movement of passengers and freight.

A general embargo was placed on all freight movements with the exception of emergency materials.

The dispute of the 1,400,000 railway workers began in July last year when 20 unions made demands for wage increases ranging up to as much as \$2.50 a day.

Eighteen unions agreed to be bound by arbitration, but the two brotherhoods of engineers and of trainmen with their 250,000 members called a strike for May 18.

### Scenes Of Confusion

The strike order was rescinded at the last minute with a five-day truce, but the eastern railroads had already become tangled before official notification reached the men that the strike had been temporarily called off.

Only the eastern States were at first affected but across the United States the walk-out will be on when the deadline in the different time zones is reached.

In all major cities the railway stations presented scenes of confusion as thousands who rushed to catch the last trains were turned away by early cancellations of services.

In many communities, wartime motor pools were hastily reorganized.—Associated Press.

### Red Cross No Shield

Dachau, May 23. An ambulance driver who helped wounded Germans in Normandy told today how enemy troops ignored his Red Cross status and shot him four times after he had surrendered at the Malmedy crossroads massacre on Dec. 17, 1944.

Glaring at the SS defendants, Sammel Dobyns described to a military war crimes court the shooting of more than 100 United States troops as they stood hands up in surrender in a field in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge.

Dobyns was trapped by cross fire that day and his ambulance riddled by machine-gun fire. He said he had just painted new red crosses on the ambulance.

He testified that he surrendered to a group of German troops and that one private wanted to kill him on the spot.

"An officer told him not to shoot me," Dobyns said. He walked slowly before the defendants but was unable to pick out the officer.—Associated Press.

## COMMUNISM V. DEMOCRACY

Washington, May 23. William Z. Foster, Communist Party chairman, asserted that Communism is a "profound democratic movement" and Representative Clare Boothe Luce replied that "Communism and American democracy are antagonistic."

Foster declared in the debate over the Mutual Broadcasting System that "reactionaries are trigger-happy to use the atomic bomb on the world."

Representative Luce challenged his statement with: "Tell Uncle Joe (Stalin) to let the iron curtain down and let us all go in and have one big look. What's he got there in Russia that he is afraid of?"

Foster said "American monopolistic forces" are causing the present tension among the United Nations. Luce asked if, since 1939, he ever criticized anything that Stalin enunciated at Moscow. Foster replied that the Soviet policy has been correct.

Luce declared that imperialism charges against the United States are shabby nonsense and that Russia went to war because she was attacked by Germany, but before that, the two countries had a blood bond.

Luce accused Foster of not being loyal to the United States but loyal instead to anti-religious systems. She said she would rather die than to live under such a system.—Associated Press.

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Paris, May 24. King Haakon of Norway is to be made an honorary corporal in the sixth Alpine battalion, one of the highest honours the French can bestow.

When General Emile Marie Bethouard goes to Norway to participate in ceremonies commemorating the battle of Narvik, he will carry with him the French military medal and the honorary corporal commission to bestow on the King who will be the only monarch to hold such a commission.—Associated Press.

Rear-Adm. E. D. B. McCarthy, 52, has been appointed Rear-Admiral (Destroyers), Mediterranean Fleet, to date early June, 1946. He has commanded three of Britain's most famous ships since the outbreak of war in 1939, the cruiser Ajax and the battleship King George V, and Anson.

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net loss of \$69,471 compared with a  
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ter of last year.—Associated Press.

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HE WAS COMMENTING ON A STORY ON THE HUGE  
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DUCTS IN THE FAR EAST.

Flight-Lieutenant Milne spent  
two years as technical adviser  
to the Chinese Air Force.

"China wants our primary  
products and manufactured  
foodstuffs, provided they are  
packed right. But our packing  
and distribution have been all  
wrong in the past," he said.

"China is planning tremen-  
dous railway construction. There  
is an opening in China for our  
steel and other heavy indus-  
tries. They want our timber,  
for sleepers and other purposes."

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"But remember one thing:  
We must give China the best,  
and we must honour our con-  
tracts. The Chinese are the  
most honest people on earth. If  
they once find a man has put  
anything over them, they will  
have nothing more to do with him."

"A trading organisation  
should be set up to organ-  
ize the business properly. There  
should be headquarters at  
Hong Kong and agencies  
throughout the East, staffed  
by specialists who not only un-  
derstand the Chinese, but under-  
stand and can sell Australian  
products."

## BRIDGE NOTES

There are ways of insulting  
your partner at the bridge table,  
even though you keep your voice  
low, your expression good-humour-  
ed, and your conversation ple-  
asant and (outwardly) harmless.  
The easiest way to drive your  
partner into fits of gnashing his  
teeth is to indicate by your bidding  
that you consider him a prize  
nitwit. For example:

West Dealer  
North-South vulnerable  
S. A 10-6-3  
H. 7 6 4  
D. J 8 3  
C. 6 5 2

B. — K 5 5  
H. 7 6 2  
W. E 10 9 5 4  
C. K Q J 10  
9 7 3

N. H. 10 9 8  
D. 10 9 5 4  
S. Q 15 2  
B. K 9 8 7 4  
H. A Q 2  
D. A K Q  
C. 8 4

The bidding:

West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1S  
3C Pass Pass Dbl.  
Pass 3S Pass 4S  
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass  
Pass Pass

South lost two hearts, two clubs,  
and a trump, going down two  
tricks for a penalty of 500 points.  
And North practically fainted at  
the mouth because of the way  
South's bidding had insulted him.  
North didn't give a hoot about 600  
points—he'd been set before and  
expected to be set again, but he  
just couldn't stomach the way  
South disregarded the warningly  
weak bidding North had given him.

To begin with, North had passed  
over three clubs. Then, when  
South doubled for a takeout,  
North had simply shown trump  
support by bidding three spades.  
North would have been obliged to  
make the same bid with four  
trumps to the Jack instead of four  
to the Ace. And if North had  
held just the merest trifle more  
strength, either in high cards or  
in distributional value, he would  
have bid four spades over the  
double instead of only three  
spades. Actually North held about  
as much as could be expected in  
view of his two passes and simple  
return to spades.

And since North held a maximum,  
there couldn't possibly be  
any point to South's bid of four  
spades. That contract could be  
made only if North had grossly  
underbid his hand. So South's  
game bid was practically a state-  
ment that he didn't trust North  
to bid his hand properly.

Yesterday you were Oswald  
Jacoby's partner and, vulnerability  
against non-vulnerable opponents,  
you held:

S. 8 5 3  
H. A Q 7 3 2  
D. A 4 2  
C. 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken You Major Jacoby  
18 (?)

ANSWER: Pass. This illus-  
trates a hand good enough for an  
opening bid (although a rather  
weak one) but not good enough  
for an overcall. The hand can  
win only about four tricks, and is  
therefore not good enough for a  
bid which promises to win eight  
tricks.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 30  
per cent for double, 20 per cent  
for two hearts.

Question

Today you hold the same hand,  
and the bidding continues:

Schenken You Major Jacoby  
18 Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer)

## N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, May 23.

Selective strong spots high-  
lighted the stock market today al-  
though profit-taking left many  
leaders lower.

Dividend earnings and possible  
split-up buys were favourable  
factors.

Assorted steel, rail, liquor and  
utility issues were in a new high  
column from the start. Grains  
rang from fractions to four  
points, but losers predominated  
at the close of the market.

Volume of trading for the day  
was 1,340,000 shares.

Dow Jones Averages ..... \$77.78

30 Industrials ..... 208.05

20 Rails ..... 66.09

15 Utilities ..... 43.30

Adams Express 22% Alaska

Juncau 8%, American Can 9%,

American Smelting 68%, Ameri-

can Telephone 106%, Ameri-

Tobacco 99%, American Water-

works 25%, Anaconda Copper

47%, Aviation Corporation 11%,

Baldwin 30%, Bonded Aviation

45%, Bethlehem Steel 108%, Boe-

ing 28, Borden Co. 64%, Canadian

Pacific 19, J.I. Case 47%, Chryslor

120%, Colgate 52%, Commercial

Solvents 29%, Corn Products 62%,

DuPont 41%, Eastman Kodak 23%

25%, Electric Light & Power 23%,

General Motors 72%, Homestake Min-

ing 47%, International Harvester 65%,

International Tel. & Tel. 26%, Johns

Mannville 154, Kennecott Copper

65%, Montgomery Ward 99%, Na-

tional Distillers 80%, National

Lead 38%, New York Central R.R.

26%, Packard Motors 94%, Pan

American Airways 19%, Pennsyl-

vania R.R. 42, Radio Corporation

125%, Real Silk 28, Republic Steel

37%, Reynolds Tobacco 44%,

Schenley 84, Sears Roebuck 43%,

Shell Oil 38%, Socony Vacuum

17, Southern Pacific 64%, Stand-

ard Brads 61%, Standard Oil of

Calf 57%, Union Bag 35%, Union

Carbide 119%, U.S. Rubber 76%,

U.S. Steel 86%, Westinghouse

34%, Youngstown Sheet & Tube

72%. Associated Press.

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### Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Haiyang from

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**Scheduled Arrivals**

Today:—S.S. Samtyne, S.S.

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Yesterday:—L.C.I. (L) 172 and

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**Scheduled Departures**

Today:—M.S. 10 for Boroco

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**GRAIN MARKETS**

Chicago, May 23.

Trading was light in the  
Chicago Board of Trade today.  
Scattered selling, apparently re-  
flecting favourable weather and  
good prospects caused fractional  
losses in oats. Wheat held at  
ceiling prices.

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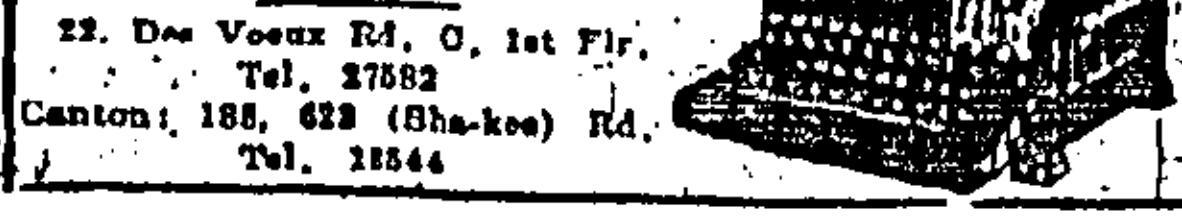
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## REPORTED REVOLT IN NORTH-WEST IRAN

TEHERAN, MAY 24.

A REVOLT HAS BEEN STARTED IN SOME PARTS OF AZERBAIJAN IN NORTH-WEST IRAN, BY ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO THE PROVINCE'S RULING DEMOCRAT PARTY, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REACHING HERE TONIGHT.

FIGHTING IS STILL TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA OF SHAHINDEH IN KURDISTAN, NORTH-WEST IRAN, ACCORDING TO AN IRANIAN OFFICIAL IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE TEHERAN CABINET.

### T.U.C. Thinks Over Spain. Boycott.

London, May 24. The boycott of goods to Spain is being considered by the Trades Union Congress.

A statement issued by the General Council today discloses that a report had been received from the Trade Union Congress representatives at the Paris meeting of the Anglo-French Trade Union Council on May 13 and 14, which considered international boycott of goods to Spain.

The General Council decided to defer further consideration until the French Confederation had supplied that details previously requested of the nature and volume of the past and present imports and exports between France and Spain.

The anti-france movement advance the argument that, as a result of the closing of the French-Spanish frontier, British supplies to Spain have increased.—Reuter.

### RADIO

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1946.

RELAY FROM ENSA STAR THEATRE

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.62 megacycles.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—No. 1 Ballroom Centre Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Maurali Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra with Kalmer Pal (Vocal) and Kaye on Two Pianos.

1.40 p.m.—B.B.C. Military Band and Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—The Spice of Life.

7.00 p.m.—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

7.20 p.m.—Three Songs by Elizabeth Welch (Comedienne).

7.30 p.m.—Studio—17th "Quiz"—"Fever, first Four" versus Petty Officer's Mess, Wellington Barracks.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

8.10 p.m.—Lord Whitelock Quintet—ENSA.

8.40 p.m.—Palace Theatre Orchestra.

8.50 p.m.—Jack Cooper (Vocal) with Sidney Torch at the Piano—ENSA.

9.10 p.m.—Heinz—ENSA Star, Theatre.

"To Your Liking."

9.25 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Vic Oliver introduces.

10.00 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

10.05 p.m.—Close Down.

Programmes marked ENSA are recorded specially for Services Entertainment by the Department of National Service Entertainment.

### RADIO SEAC

Radio SEAC, Ceylon, the Services station, broadcasting on a frequency of 16120 kc/s (18.84 metres), and 4975 kc/s (49.98 metres), from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (Indian Standard Time is 3½ hours behind H.K. time).

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SATURDAY, MAY 25th, 1946.

Music On The Air: 0630 The News and Home News (BBC); 0645 Morning Star: 0700 Music From America; 0730 I'll Play To You (BBC); 0800 The News and Home News (BBC); 0810 Programming Announcements: 0815 What Next?; 0930 British Band of the A.E.F.; 0900 Guess Star; 0930 The News and Home News (BBC); 0940 Programme Announcements; 0940 Round The Bend; 1000 Bright and Shining (BBC); 1030 Music From The Movies; 1100 News Headlines; 1101 Salute To Rhythm\*\*; 1130 Now And Then; 1200 News Headlines; 1201 Yours For The Asking; 1300 Over To America; 1330 The News (BBC); 1440 Bandstand; 1400 Music Time; 1430 Follow The Leaders; 1500 Music Of The Footlights\*\*; 1530 SEAC Hit Parade; 1600 Command Performance; 1630 The News and Home News (BBC); 1645 Keyboard Club; 1715 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1745 Comic Corner; 1800 Radio SEAC World and Home News; 1800 Years For The Asking; 1900 Fanfare\*\*; 1930 BBC Sports Commentary and Music (BBC); 2100 Late News (BBC).

The British delegation is still unable to verify the report of the situation in the Azerbaijan province because, according to official despatches, the British Consul is not being allowed to enter Tabriz, capital of the province. The American Consul is said to be in the same position.

The United States proposal for an investigation of the North Iranian situation involves these points under study here:

Would the establishment of investigation as a constitution action be subject to Russian veto?

In the Iranian case a dispute and if so can Russia, as one of the parties to it, exercise the veto?

In the determination of what is or what is not dispute itself subject to veto, and can Russia exercise the veto while its delegate, M. Grromyko, absents himself from the proceedings on Iran?—Reuter.

\*Certified

London, May 24.

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## REPORTED REVOLT IN NORTH-WEST IRAN

TEHERAN, MAY 24.

A REVOLT HAS BEEN STARTED IN SOME PARTS OF AZERBAIJAN IN NORTH-WEST IRAN, BY ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO THE PROVINCE'S RULING DEMOCRAT PARTY, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REACHING HERE TONIGHT.

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these two countries, whose friendship has been tried and tested, should give expression, in their vision of a treaty, to the reality which is that each is in need of the other.

Mr. Bevin Replies

Mr. Bevin, Foreign Secretary, began his reply with a few remarks about Mr. Winston Churchill.

It was stated today that General Razmara, former Iranian Chief-of-Staff, has been appointed head of the Central Government delegation to the joint Government-Azerbaijan Mission which is to investigate the recent frontier clashes. General Razmara is known as "moderately pro-Russian."

The Mission is to leave Teheran very shortly. Three Azerbaijani delegates left Tabriz for Teheran yesterday, according to a Tabriz broadcast.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Government's announcement of the Red Army's evacuation of Azerbaijan is criticised today by the moderate Leftist newspaper "Khalan."

Flippant

The paper declared that although the province has an area of 30,000 square miles, the Government mission took only three days from the time of its arrival in Azerbaijan to confirm the completion of the Soviet withdrawal.

The paper says that the names of the towns which the mission stated they had visited themselves constitute the reason that their investigation was incomplete.

"Such problem, which has attracted world attention, should not be treated flipantly," it declares.—Reuter.

Iran Evacuation

London, May 24.

The Moscow Radio tonight quoted an announcement by the headquarters of the Trans-Caucasian military district that the evacuation of Red Army troops from Iran was completed on May 9.—Reuter.

## U.N.O. AND NORTH IRAN

New York, May 24.

The British delegation is expected to support the United States proposal for Security Council investigation of the situation in Northern Iran if categorical and satisfactory information from Teheran on the Soviet evacuation of Iran and on Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Iran is not available before the next Council session on Iran, Reuter learns authoritatively.

The British delegation is still unable to verify the report of the situation in the Azerbaijan province because, according to official despatches, the British Consul is not being allowed to enter Tabriz, capital of the province. The American Consul is said to be in the same position.

The United States proposal for an investigation of the North Iranian situation involves these points under study here:

Would the establishment of

investigation as a constitution

action be subject to Russian

veto?

In the Iranian case a dispute and if so can Russia, as one of the parties to it, exercise the veto?

In the determination of what is or what is not dispute itself subject to veto, and can Russia exercise the veto while its delegate, M. Grromyko, absents himself from the proceedings on Iran?—Reuter.

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Rio de Janeiro, May 24.

Thirty persons were wounded, one of whom is reported to have died, when Brazilian mounted police charged and fired on a crowd at a Communist Party rally in Rio de Janeiro last night.

Rome, May 24.

Two people were killed and 60 injured in an explosion in the Stachini powder factory at Bagni Di Tivoli, about 20 miles from Rome. All casualties were employees of the factory.—Reuter.

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